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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU GRANTS CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF TRI-COUNTY TELCOM, INC. TO HANSON COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

WC Docket No. 04-394

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of , James O. Ekstrand (Mr. Ekstrand) and Hanson Communications, Inc. (Hanson) to transfer control of Tri-County Telcom, Inc. ("Tri-County") and its domestic blanket section 214 authorizations from Mr. Ekstrand to Hanson.¹ No commenters opposed grant of the application.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfer will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorization.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

¹ See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Transfer of Control of Tri-County Telecom, Inc. to Hanson Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 04-394, Public Notice, DA 04-3398 (rel. Oct. 26, 2004).

² See Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd., and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8511-14 (CCB/IB/CSB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent LECs with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).

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